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Venice, December 3.

ON the 17th of laſt Month an Officer arrived in a Felucca, with Letters giving an Account, that General Schulenbourg having laid Siege to Preveſa, made himſelf Maſter of it in five Days: The ſaid Officer brought with him 12 Turkiſh Colours, which were hung up in the Ducal Church of St. Mark; and he reported, that 200 Turks were killed in the Attacks, and 150 made Slaves, 500 others having found Means to eſcape out of the Place to the Mountains. Letters which came in about the ſame Time from Dalmatia adviſed, that Sig. Sebaſtian Mocenigo opened Trenches the 16th of October before Antivari, and had advanced into the Suburbs, but not having a ſufficient Number of Men to inveſt the Town on all Sides, the Turks threw in Succours; whereupon a Council of War being held, it was reſolved to raiſe the Siege. On the 24th paſt a Felucca arrived from Corfu, with the News of the taking of Voniza. The Land-Forces commanded by General Schulenbourg, having imbarked on the Fleet of this Republick commanded by Captain-General Piſani, proceeded from Preveſa on the 26th of October, and landing in the Neigbourhood of Voniza, made the neceſſary Diſpoſitions for attacking it. The Town was defended by 1800 Turks, among them 400 Spahis, and is ſtrong by its Situation: Our Forces were firſt obliged to poſſeſs themſelves of a Hill, in order to make a near Approach to the Place, and a Body of the Enemy appeared drawn up in good Order, as if they were determined to oppoſe them: But our Men advancing in Battalia, the Turks retired from the Hill into the Place, which (after holding a Council of War) they reſolved to abandon on the 2d of November: They had been ſome Time in full March before it was known in our Camp, and then it was too late to purſue them and fall upon their Rear. Our Forces entring the Place, found in it 32 Cannon and 6 Mortars, and in the Harbour 8 Galliots and 16 flat-bottomed Veſſels which were made when the Turks attacked Corfu. Some Standards were alſo found, with an Horſe-Tail which was a Mark of Diſtinction that had been given to the Governour as a Baſhaw. The Turks loſt ſome Men by the Fire of our Artillery and Bombs from ſome Batteries which were raiſed during the little Time our Forces lay before the Place, and we loſt a few Men by the Enemy's Artillery: But had the Place been defended reſolutely, it muſt have coſt much Blood. By this Acquiſition the Republick has already gained a fine Country, and our Fleet and Land-Forces were preparing to go and attack the Town of Arta, in order to extend the Contributions yet further. Upon this Advantage over the Infidels, the Senate have cauſed Te Deum to be ſung in the Church of our Lady della Salute, where the Horſe-Tail and other Trophies are hung up. They alſo ordered Publick Rejoicings to be made for three Nights ſucceſſively, with Illuminations, &c. and by a Decree have made the Captain General Piſani a Knight of St. Mark. A Convoy is getting ready to ſail to the Levant, with Recruits, Money, and other Neceſſaries. Two Ships of War of the ſecond Rate, have been launched in our Arſenal within theſe ten Days, and four more Ships of the ſame Rate, with two firſt Rates, are finiſhing. The Senate has choſen Sig. Michael Moroſini, to go Ambaſſadour to the Court of Vienna; in the Room of Sig. Grimani, who having reſided there the uſual Time, is to return home.

Vienna, Dec. 1. On the 18th of laſt Month the States of Lower Auſtria aſſembled, to whom the Emperour made in Perſon the uſual Demand of an annual Subſidy, and delivered to them his Propoſal in writing; after which Count Sinzendorff enlarged upon the urgent Reaſons for complying with the Emperour's Demand, and the States returned a very dutiful Anſwer to his Imperial Majeſty. 'Tis not doubted they will grant the ſame Sum they did laſt Year, which was 700000 Florins, part whereof is to be paid in Money, and the reſt in Clothing and other Furniture neceſſary for the Troops. On the 27th paſt Mr. Wortley's Secretary arrived here from Belgrade. Yeſterday being St. Andrew's Day, the Knights of the Golden Fleece waited on the Emperour to Church in the Habits of that Order, and afterwards had the Honour of dining in the ſame Hall with his Imperial